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Election of nine members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: biographical information on candidates

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The procedure for the election of members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as established in Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17, is outlined in document E/2018/9/Add.5. The list of current members is contained in the annex to that document.

2. In a note verbale dated 22 September 2017, the Secretary-General invited States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to submit their nominations for membership in the Committee within three months.

3. Biographical information on the candidates nominated by States parties to the Covenant is contained in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Biographical information on candidates for election to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*,**

Aslan Khuseinovich Abashidze (Russian Federation)

Date and place of birth: 18 November 1958, Adzharia, (Republic of Georgia)

Working languages: Russian, English

Education

- In 1985 he graduated from P. Lumumba Peoples' Friendship University, Faculty of economics and law, majoring in "International Law"
- From 1985 to 1988 he studied full-time for his Ph.D. at the department of international law. In 1988 he defended his Ph.D. thesis on the topic "Protection of minority rights in the United Nations" (scientific supervisor Prof. Blischenko I.P.).
- From 1990 to 1992 he did a Master's Degree in Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at Lund University (Sweden), and became Master of International Law (M.I.L., Lund, January 10, 1992).
- In 1997 he defended his doctoral thesis on "The protection of minorities in international and domestic laws.

Professional activities

- From 1988 to this day, Mr. A. Abashidze has been working at the Department of International Law at Patrice Lumumba Peoples Friendship University (now — Peoples' Friendship University of Russia), first as an assistant (from 1988 to 1992), then as associate professor (from 1992 to 1997), and from 1997 — as full professor.

Current positions

- Head of the Department of International Law of the RUDN University, Professor at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Member of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural rights, Member of the Expert Council on Law of the Higher Attestation Commission under the Ministry of Education and Science of Russian Federation, Member of the Scientific Advisory Council under the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, Member of the Scientific Advisory Board under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Member of the Expert Council under the Commissioner on Human Rights in the Russian Federation, Chairman of the International Law Commission of the United Nations Association of Russia, Honored Lawyer of the Russian Federation, Doctor of Law, Professor.

Publications

- Within Human rights treaty bodies / Author and compiler Abashidze A.Kh., Koneva A.E. 2-nd edition. M., 2015; Human rights and challenges of XXI century/

* The longer version of the curriculum vitae of some candidates may be consulted on the web page of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

** Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Ed. A. Abashidze. M., 2016; International legal basis of the right to health / Ed. A. Abashidze. M., 2016; Regional human rights systems / Ed. A. Abashidze. M., 2016; International protection of human rights / Ed. A. Abashidze. M., 2017; Business and human rights / Ed. A. Abashidze. M., 2017; Opinions of human rights treaty bodies on communications / Ed. A. Abashidze. M., 2017.

Clement Atangana (Cameroon)

Date and place of birth: 20 September 1941, Econmeyek, Ngomedzap, Department of Nyong et So'o, Centre Region

Working languages: French and English

Education

- Primary Studies at the Ecole Régionale de Yaoundé (C.E.P.)
- Secondary Education College Francois-Xavier Vogt of Mvolyé Yaoundé and Lycée de Manengoumba of Nkogsamba (Baccalauréat)
- Tertiary Education: Federal University of Cameroon, Faculty of Law and Economics (Bachelor's Degree in Private Law)
- National School of Administration and Judiciary of Cameroon
- Institut International d'Administration Publique de Paris

Professional activities

Joined the Judiciary on 20 December 1968 and held the position of:

- Investigating Judge at the Court of First Instance of Kongsamba
- President of Eseka District Court in charge of public action
- President of Bafia District Court in charge of public action
- President of Mora District Court in charge of public action
- President of Sangmelima District Court in charge of public action
- Superior Court Judge of Douala and Yaoundé
- President of the Superior Court of Yaoundé
- Deputy Director of Judicial Affairs and the Seal of the Ministry of Justice
- Attorney General to the Northern Court of Appeal
- Attorney General to the Court of Appeal of the Centre
- Counsellor at the Supreme Court
- President of the Administrative Chamber of the Supreme Court

Current position(s)

- After his retirement as Judge in December 2014, Mr. Clement Atangana is registered with the Bar of Lawyers of Cameroon since September 2015

Other activities

- President of the National Commission for General Reconsideration of the votes for the legislative elections and for the presidential elections until his retirement in December 2014
- Member of the Superior Council of the Judiciary
- Officer of the National of the Value.

Asraf Ally Caunhye (Mauritius)

Date and place of birth: 18 November 1954, Mauritius

Working languages: English and French

Education

Middle Temple, Inns of Court, London

Professional activities

- As judge of the Supreme Court, Justice Caunhye, exercises jurisdiction (i) to hear and determine any civil matter, divorce and matrimonial cases, company winding up and bankruptcy petitions, admiralty cases, claims of constitutional relief, (ii) to try cases at the Court of Assizes and (iii) to hear and determine appeals, whether civil or criminal, made up to the Supreme Court from decisions of the Judge in Chambers, Bankruptcy Division, Master's Court, Intermediate Court, Industrial Court, District Court, and any other tribunal or body under any other enactment. Justice Caunhye has delivered judgment in many reported constitutional and electoral cases.
- Justice Caunhye has also served as Parliamentary Counsel whereby he was the Head of the legal drafting department responsible for the drafting of legislation for Parliament. Justice Caunhye also drafted and finalized various human rights-related Bills, including the Protection of Human Rights Bill, which provided for the establishment of the National Human Rights Commission.
- Prior to his appointment as Judge of the Supreme Court of Mauritius, Justice Caunhye also served as Assistant Solicitor-General

Current position(s)

- Judge of the Supreme Court;
- Chairperson, Council for Vocational and Legal Education;
- Designated Judge under the International Arbitration Act;
- Member, Judicial and Legal Service Commission

Olivier De Schutter (Belgium)

Date and place of birth: 20 July 1968, Ixelles, Belgium

Working languages: English, French, NL

Education

- PhD (Law), UCL, 1998
- International Institute for Human Rights (Strasbourg), Laureate, 1992
- LL.M. (Master in Laws), Harvard University, 1991
- Licence en Droit (MA, Law), UCL, 1990
- Candidature en Droit (BA, Law), UCL, 1987

Professional activities

- Special Rapporteur on the right to food (2008-2014)
- Member of the Scientific Committee, Fundamental Rights Agency of the EU (2014-2018)
- Professor of Human Rights Law, Catholic University of Louvain, (1999-Present)
- Chair, Belgian Advisory Council on Policy Coherence for Development (2016-2020)
- Visiting professor at Yale Law School (2016-2017), UC Berkeley (2013), Columbia Law School (2008-2012), New York University (2004-2005), Univ. Abomey-Calavi (Cotonou, Bénin) (2000-2005)

Current position(s)

- Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1.1.2015-31.12.2018)

Publications

Author of 20 books and over two hundred articles. The most relevant are:

Books:

- The Future of the Right to Development: Reshaping International Regimes (in press). International Human Rights Law. Cases, Materials and Commentary (Cambridge University Press, 2nd ed. 2014)
- Trade in the Service of Sustainable Development. Linking Trade to Labour Rights and Environmental Standards (Bloomsbury / Hart Publ., 2015)
- Governing Access to Essential Resources (Columbia University Press, 2015)
- Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as Human Rights (editor) (London: Edward Elgar, 2013)
- Foreign Direct Investment and Human Development (London: Routledge, 2012)
- Accounting for Hunger. The Right to Food in the Era of Globalisation (Oxford: Hart Publ., 2011);
- The European Social Charter. A Social Constitution for Europe (Bruxelles: Bruylant, 2010);

- Transnational Corporations and Human Rights, (editor) (Oxford and Portland-Oregon: Hart, 2006);
- Discriminations et marché du travail. Liberté et égalité dans les rapports d'emploi (New York, Oxford: P.I.E. Peter Lang, 2001);

Articles:

- "The Two Constitutions of Europe: Integrating Social Rights in the New Economic Architecture of the Union", European Journal of Human Rights, n° 2 (2017), pp. 108-156;
- "Welfare State Reform and Social Rights", Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights, vol. 33(2) (2015), pp. 123-162;
- "Towards a New Treaty on Business and Human Rights", Business and Human Rights Journal, vol. 1 (2015) pp. 41-67;
- 'Commentary to the Maastricht Principles on Extraterritorial Obligations of States in the area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights', Human Rights Quarterly, vol. 34 (2012), pp. 1084-1171;
- 'Rapport général - La responsabilité des Etats dans le contrôle des sociétés transnationales : vers une Convention internationale sur la lutte contre les atteintes aux droits de l'homme commises par les sociétés transnationales', in La responsabilité des entreprises multinationales en matière de droits de l'homme (Bruxelles, Bruylant-Némésis, 2010), pp. 19-100;
- 'Human Rights and the Rise of International Organisations: The Logic of Sliding Scales in the Law of International Responsibility', in Jan Wouters et al. (eds), Accountability for Human Rights Violations by International Organisations (Intersentia, Antwerp-Oxford-Portland, 2010), pp. 51-129.

Peters Sunday Omologbe Emuze (Nigeria)

Date and place of birth: 9 September 1956, Lagos, Nigeria

Working languages: English

Education

- Masters in International Law and Diplomacy - University of Lagos, Nigeria, 1995
- Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomatic Training - Foreign Service Academy, Lagos, Nigeria, 1985
- Bachelor of Arts in English/Philosophy - University of Lagos, Nigeria, 1979

Professional activities

- Represented Nigeria as a member of the Human Rights Council (28th – 34th Sessions, including two special sessions), (2015-2017)
- Coordinator, African Group of Ambassadors on WIPO matters (championed the establishment of WIPO offices in Algeria & Nigeria), (2015-2016)
- United Nations Human Rights Council member of Troika for Human Rights Peer Review of Belarus and Azerbaijan, (2015-2016)
- President United Nations Conference on Disarmament, (2016)
- Member of delegation, Nigerian Strategic Partnership Agreements with China and the European Union, (2006-2009)
- Secretary Political Systems Subcommittee of Nigeria, Electoral Reform Committee, (2008)

Current position(s)

- Consultant/Partner, Human Rights & Humanitarian Issues - Highbridge Rights Resource Group Limited, (2017 – Present)
- Chargé d'Affaires - Nigerian Permanent Mission to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, (2015-2017)
- Director (2nd United Nations Division) - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja, Nigeria, (2013-2014)
- Deputy Director (3rd United Nations Division) - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja, Nigeria, (2012-2013)
- Deputy Director - Consulate General of Nigeria, Hong Kong, (2009-2012)
- Assistant Director (Intra - Inter Regional Affairs) - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja, Nigeria, (2006-2009)
- Minister Counselor (Asia and Pacific Department) - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja, (2004-2006)
- Minister Counselor (International Organizations Department) - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja, (2002-2004)
- Senior Counselor - Embassy of Nigeria, Rome, Italy, (2000-2002)
- Senior Counselor - Embassy of Nigeria, The Hague, Netherlands, (1998-2000)

- Senior Counselor (Presidential Protocol) - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nigeria, (1995-1998)
- Counselor (Presidential Protocol) - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lagos, Nigeria, (1992-1995)
- First Secretary - Nigerian High Commission, Lusaka, Zambia, (1990-1992)
- First Secretary - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja, Nigeria, (1987-1988)
- Third Secretary - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lagos, Nigeria, (1983-1986)

Publications

- An Appraisal of the United Nations role in the Rwanda and Burundi Genocide (Master's Thesis)

Azzouz Kerdoun (Algeria)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 17 July 1947, Constantine, Algeria

Working languages: French, Arabic and English

Education

- Baccalaureate of Arts, Académie de Paris, 1969-1970
- Bachelor's degree in public law, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Constantine, 1975
- Certificate in human rights, International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, 1977
- Diploma of advanced studies in public international law, University of Montpellier, 1978
- Diploma of advanced studies in political science, University of Montpellier, 1979
- State doctorate in public law, University of Montpellier, 1981
- National competitive examination for promotion to the rank of university professor, ranked fourth in order of merit, Algiers, 1993
- Accreditation to teach at French universities, 2005

Current positions

- Distinguished Professor of Public International Law, Frères Mentouri University of Constantine, Algeria
- Director of Research and Director of the Maghreb-Mediterranean Laboratory, University of Constantine, 2001 to present
- Member of the National Human Rights Council, Algiers, 2017

Significant administrative functions

- Chair of the Scientific Council of the Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Constantine, 1989-1992
- Founder and Chair of the Africa and Arab World Research Unit, 1987-2000
- Chair of the Editorial Board of the journal *Annales de l'URAMA*, 1997-1998
- Founder and Director of the Maghreb-Mediterranean Laboratory, 2001 to present
- Member of the National Environment and Sustainable Development Council, 1998 to present
- Member of the Editorial Board of the University of Constantine social sciences journal, 1995 to present
- Chair of the National Intersectoral Law, Economy and Social Sciences Research Committee, Algiers, 2008-2011
- Chair of the Algerian Constitution Review Committee, Algiers, 2013

Professional experience

- Professor of Public International Law and Political Science, Frères Mentouri University of Constantine, Algeria
- Director of the Maghreb-Mediterranean Laboratory
- Visiting professor at several foreign universities, including University of Toulouse, University of Tunis, University of Aix en Provence, University of Strasbourg, University of Sassari (Italy), University of Valencia (Spain), University of Thessaloniki (Greece), University of Paris II, University of Marseilles, University of Nice, University of Barcelona (Spain), University of Beirut (Lebanon).
- Adviser at the Institute of Global Strategy Studies, Algiers, 1985 to present
- Many academic publications in specialized publications and journals, including: *La Coopération arabo-africaine* (Paris, Berger-Levrault, 1987); *Environnement et développement durable* (Paris, Publisud, 2000), Euro-Méditerranée; *Le processus de Barcelone en question* (Dar El Houda, Ain M'lila, Algeria, 2004); *La protection de l'environnement en Algérie* (Dar El Houda, Algeria, 2001); *La sécurité en Méditerranée* (Paris, 1995); "La place des droits économiques, sociaux et culturels dans le droit international des droits de l'homme", *Revue trimestrielle des Droits de l'homme* (Brussels, 2011); "Immigration irrégulière en Méditerranée et protection des droits fondamentaux", *Strategia* (journal produced by the Military Institute of Documentation, Evaluation and Planning of the Ministry of Defence), No. 7 (Algeria, first quarter 2017).
- Member of the Legal and Economic Committee of the National High Council for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Algiers
- Chair of the Intersectoral Law, Economy and Social Sciences Research Committee, Algiers, 2008-2011
- Member of the National Human Rights Council, Algiers, 2017
- Member of the Editorial Board of the University of Constantine social sciences journal, 1990 to present
- Director of the Maghreb-Mediterranean Laboratory, Frères Mentouri University of Constantine, 2001 to present
- Lawyer, Court of Constantine and Supreme Court, 1984-1994
- Member of the high authority for election monitoring, 2017

Tarik Ibrahim Hassan Kurdi (Sudan)

Date and place of birth: 4 June 1959, Gedaref, Sudan

Working languages: Arabic and English

Education

- 1977-1978 Diploma in Computer Science, Technological Centre for Computer, Studies, Kuwait
- 1988-1992 Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration (distance learning), University of Beirut, Beirut Lebanon (Distance Learning)
- 1995-1996 Master's Degree in Human Resources Management and Development, University of Hertfordshire Hatfield, UK.

Training Courses

1988 – 2016 Extensive training courses and long-term distance learning programs in the following fields:

- Management and Leadership: Managing Effectively, Conflict Management and Mediation Skills, Coordination Skills, Senior Management and Leadership, Co-Lead, Communicating Across Cultures, Fundraising for Senior Managers;
- Protection: Refugee Status Determination (RSD) Learning Programme, Internally Displaced Persons – IDPs (e-Learning), IDPs Protection Learning Programme, International Refugee Law Course;
- Programme Management and Operations: Coordination and Leadership Skills, Programme Management, Camp Management and Coordination, Emergency and Disaster Management;
- Security Management: Security Awareness, Security Management, and Risk Management;
- Human and Financial Resources Management: Fundamentals of Human and Financial Resources Management for Senior Managers, Career Management, Managing Performance.

Awards and Achievements

- 2001 UNHCR Plaque in recognition of 20 years of dedicated services to the refugees;
- 2006 UNHCR Gold Pin in recognition of 25 years of commitment and contribution to the organization in the service of refugees;
- 2011 UNHCR Award in recognition of 30 years of Devoted Service to the refugees;
- 2013 UNHCR Award of Excellence for the Best UNHCR Team in the Field;
- 2014 UNHCR Award of Excellence for the Best UNHCR Representative in the Field.

Professional experience and Employment record

- 2017-Present Chairperson, United Nations Forum on Minority issues, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Geneva, Switzerland;

- 2015-2016 Deputy Director (D-1), Bureau for the Middle East and North Africa, UNHCR Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland;
- 2012-2015 Representative (D-2), UNHCR Country Office, Damascus, Syria;
- 2010-2012 Deputy Representative (D-1), Acting Representative (D-2), UNHCR Country Office, Baghdad, Iraq;
- 2006-2010 Deputy Director (D-1), Division of Human Resources Management, UNHCR Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland;
- 2003-2006 Chief, Personnel Administration and Payroll Section (P-5), Division of Human Resources Management, UNHCR Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland;
- 2001-2003 Assistant, Chief of Mission (Administration) (P-5), UNHCR Country Office, Kabul, Afghanistan;
- 1999-2001 Assistant, Chief of Mission (Administration) (P-4), UNHCR Country Office for Afghanistan, Islamabad, Pakistan;
- 1996-1999 Senior Resources Manager (P-4), Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, UNHCR Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland;
- 1995-1996 Administrative and Finance Officer (P-3), UNHCR Country Office, Accra, Ghana;
- 1994 -1995 Administrative and Finance Officer (P-3), UNHCR Country Office, Harare, Zimbabwe;
- 1993 – 1994 Administrative and Finance Officer (P-3), UNHCR Country Office, Kampala, Uganda;
- 1991 – 1993 Administrative/Programme Officer (P-2), UNHCR Country Office, Baghdad, Iraq;
- 1991 - 1992 Administrative/Programme Officer (L-2), UNHCR Country Office, Freetown, Sierra Leone;
- 1990-1991 Administrative and Finance Officer (L-2), UNHCR Country Office, Mogadishu, Somalia;
- 1987-1990 Associate Administrative Officer (FS-4), UNHCR Sub-Office, Hargeisa, Somalia;
- 1981–1987 Administrative Assistant (GS), UNHCR Sub-Office, Gedaref/Es-Showak, Sudan.

Salima Namusobya (Uganda)

Date and place of birth: 15 May 1978, Jinia, Uganda

Working languages: English

Education

- Master of Laws (LLM) in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa, University of Pretoria, South Africa, December, 2004;
- Diploma in Legal Practice (Bar equivalent), Law Development Center, Kampala, Uganda, August, 2003;
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Uganda Christian University, Mukono Uganda – Upper Second Class Honors, October, 2002.

Professional activities

Advocate of the courts of judicature in Uganda – Called to the Bar in January, 2005

Relevant non-degree programs and professional development courses:

- Visiting Scholar, University of Columbia, New York, United States (August 2011 to December 2011);
- Advanced Course on Justifiability of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (18-22 November, 2013) Institute for Human Rights, Abo Akademi Uniersity, Finland;
- Global School Course on Health Rights Litigation (16-20 September, 2013) FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard University, USA.

Previous work:

- Senior Legal Advisor – Refugee Law Project (RLP), School of Law Makerere University – 2010-2012;
- Eastern African Regional Coordinator for International Law in Domestic Courts (ILDC) (Joint project of the Amsterdam Centre for International Law – University of Amsterdam and the Centre for Human Rights – University of Pretoria and published by the Oxford University Press) 2008-2012;
- Head of Legal and psychosocial department, refugee Law Project (RPL), School of Law Makerere University 2005-2010.

Membership of professional bodies

- Member- Uganda Law Society (ULS) and East African Law Society (EALS);
- Member of the Uganda Federation of Female Lawyers (FIDA).

Awards

- Vera Chirwa Laureate – Recipient of the Vera Chirwa Award for Human Rights advocacy in Africa (2015). Awarded by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

Current positions

- Executive Director – Initiative for Social and Economic Rights (ISER) 2013 – Present;

- Expert Member of the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of the African Commission on Human and people's Rights, Appointed by Resolution ACHPR/Res.294 (EXT. OS/XVI) 2015 to date;
- Steering Committee Member – Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Network (ESCR-Net) Strategic Litigation Working Group (2015-to date);
- Associate Partner, Ssekaana Associated Advocates & Consultants (2005-Present);
- Board Vice Chairperson – International Refugee Rights Initiative (IRRI).

Selected Publications

Text books:

- "Civil Procedure and Practice in Uganda" – co-authored with Ssekaana Musa. (Law Africa Publishing 1sr edition, 2008&2nd Edition, 2017);
- "Litigating the Right to Health in Uganda: The Necessity for innovation and Activism: Challenges and Prospects", Edited by Ebenezer Durojaye, Ashgate Publishing (2015), London UK.

Journal Articles:

- Navigating the Access to Information Challenge in Health Rights Litigation in Uganda, Published by the Health and Human Rights Journal of the Harvard School of Public Health, September, 2014;
- Refugee Status Determination and the Rights of recognised Refugees Under Uganda's Refugee Act 2006, Published by the International Journal of Refugee Law, Vol. 24 N3 pp561-578 August 2012.

Mounkaila Aichatou Seyni (Niger)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 7 December 1968

Working languages: French

Education

- PhD (doctorat unique) in moral and political philosophy, University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 2004, 2011
- Specialist certificate in administration and protection of human rights, International Institute of Public Administration, Paris, 1999

Professional activities

- Ensure the implementation and monitoring of the National Policy on Human Rights, the Protection of Children in the Justice System and Social Action.
- Ensure the effective implementation of relevant national, regional and international legal instruments on human rights.
- Ensure follow-up to the recommendations of human rights mechanisms.
- Serve as general rapporteur of the interministerial committee responsible for drafting the reports of Niger to the treaty bodies and the universal periodic review.
- Manage partnerships on human rights issues with community, regional and international institutions.
- Oversee the management of the framework for consultation for the Ministry of Justice and all governmental and non-governmental actors involved in the promotion and protection of human rights.

Current positions

- Director-General for Human Rights, the Protection of Children in the Justice System and Social Action, Ministry of Justice
- Temporary instructor, Department of Philosophy, Abdou Moumouni University of Niamey
- Temporary instructor on the history of human rights course, University of Tahoua

Publications

Research papers:

- "Les enjeux moraux de la démocratie en Afrique Noire : cas du Niger", master's thesis in philosophy, 116 pages
- "La critique rousseauiste de la démocratie représentative : introduction à l'analyse du processus de démocratisation au Niger", diploma of advanced studies thesis in philosophy, 115 pages
- "Analyse rousseauiste du processus de démocratisation en Afrique postcoloniale", PhD (doctorat unique) thesis in philosophy, 373 pages

Published articles:

- "Morale et démocratie", *Revue Fitilla*, Association Nigérienne des Professeurs de Philosophie (Nigerian Association of Professors of Philosophy) (ANPP)
- "La dimension universelle des droits de l'homme", *Revue Fitilla*, ANPP
- "La démocratie, quels enjeux pour l'Afrique Noire ?", *Revue Fitilla*, ANPP
- "Les droits de l'homme entre universalité et particularisme culturel", *Revue Fitilla*, ANPP
- "La problématique de la pacification de l'espace public en Afrique", *Cahier philosophique d'Afrique*

Heisoo Shin (Republic of Korea)

Date and place of birth: 23 June 1950, Gyeonggi Province, Republic of Korea

Working languages: English, Korean

Education

- Ph. D. in sociology, Rutgers Univ., U.S.A. (1991);
- M.A. in sociology, Ewha Womans University (1976);
- B.A. in English Language and Literature, Ewha Womans Univ. (1972).

Professional activities

- Professor, Hanil Univ. & Theological Seminary (1993-2000);
- Visiting Professor, KyungHee Univ (2001-2007);
- Adjunct Professor, Ewha Womans Univ. (2008-2012);
- Member, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (2001-2008);
- Commissioner, National Human Rights Commission of Korea (2005-2008);
- Member, International Advisory Committee, United Nations Secretary-General's In-Depth Study on Violence against Women (2005-2006);
- Member, Presidential Commission for Sustainable Development (2002-2005);
- Chair Special Committee for Legislation on Sexual Violence, Korea Women's Associations United (1992-1993); Chair, Special Committee for Legislation on Domestic Violence of Korea Women's Associations United (1994-1997);
- President, Korea Women's Hotline (1995-2003); Coordinator, Steering Committee, Korea Women's NGO Network (1996-2000); Co-Representative, Korea Women's Associations United (1999-2002); Co-Representative, 21st Century Women's Forum (2004-2006); Representative, Korean Council for the Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan (2004-2007); Representative, Korea Center for United Nations Human Rights Policy (2010-2017); Regional Council member, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law & Development (2011-2017).

Current positions

- Member, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2011-present);
- Visiting Prof., Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans Univ. (2013~present);
- Chair Board of Directors, Korea Center for United Nations Human Rights Policy (2017~present).

Publications

Books:

- Political Economy of the Entertainment Industry in Korea, translated by KIM Jo Sul, Tokyo: Shinkansha, 1997. (Japanese);
- Letting Daughter-in-Law Do the Bibimbap Dishwashing While Letting Daughter Do the Nulenbap Dishwashing? Press 21, 1996 (co-author, Korean).

Articles (since 2010 only):

- "Gender-Based Approach to International Development Cooperation and Human Rights", KOICA Journal of International Development Cooperation, 2017, No. 4 (forthcoming);
- "Individual Communications to CEDAW: Their Values and Effects," The Cases of the Individual Communications to CEDAW, Vol. 2, National Human Rights Commission (2015), pp. 1~13. (Korean);
- "Recent News and Important Points of Discussion within the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights," Social Welfare, Social Welfare Committee, Peoples Solidarity and Peoples Democracy, No. 176, June 2013, pp. 40-48. (Korean);
- "Gender and Development," Issues in International Development Cooperation, Korea International Cooperation Agency (2011), pp. 41-72. (Korean);
- "Seeking Justice, Honor and Dignity: Movement for the Victims of Japanese Military Sexual Slavery", Martin Albrow and Hakan Seckinelqin, eds., Global Civil Society 2011: Globality and the Absence of Justice, Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 14-29.;
- "CEDAW, It's Optional Protocol and Women's Human Rights," Ewha Journal of Gender and Law, Vol. 1, No. 1, March 2010, Institute for Gender and Law, Ewha Womans University. (Korean).

Rodrigo Uprimny Yepes (Colombia)

[Original: Spanish]

Date and place of birth: 13 April 1959, Bogota, Colombia

Working languages: Spanish, French and English

General information

- Lawyer at Universidad Externado de Colombia with a master's degree in socioeconomics of development (University of Paris I), a master's degree in sociology of law (University of Paris II), a PhD in economics (University of Amiens, France) and a postgraduate diploma in conflict resolution (University of Uppsala, Sweden).
- Has been a professor of constitutional law and human rights at the National University of Colombia since 1989. Has taught at the Human Rights Academy at the American University since 2005, and at the Global School on Socioeconomic Rights. Has been a visiting professor at various universities in Colombia (including University of the Andes, Santo Tomás University and Universidad Externado de Colombia) and abroad (University of Grenoble and University of Utrecht).
- Served as an assistant judge at the Constitutional Court for 11 years and as a legal expert in various cases at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.
- Is currently an associate judge at the Constitutional Court and the State Council of Colombia, a member of the International Commission of Jurists, a member of Fundación para la Libertad de Prensa (Free Press Foundation) (FLIP) and Director of the Dejusticia centre for the study of law, justice and society.
- Is a columnist for Colombian newspaper *El Espectador*.
- Was elected to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for the period 2015-2018, during which time he served as rapporteur for a number of countries. Is currently coordinator of the working group on communications and co-rapporteur for two development-related general comments, one concerning land and economic, social and cultural rights and one on sustainable development and economic, social and cultural rights.
- Is fluent in Spanish, French and English and is able to read Portuguese and Italian.
- Has received recognition for his work in various forms, including by being awarded the title of Emeritus Professor by the National University in 2012 and the Simón Bolívar prize for the best opinion column in Colombia in 2013.

Publications

- "The Constitutional Court and Control of Presidential Extraordinary Powers in Colombia", in *Democratization and the Judiciary*, Siri Glippen, Roberto Gargarella and Elin Skaar, eds. (London, Frank Cass, 2003).
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